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AMERICANS ORDERED SHOT

PRESIDENT ZELAYA ISSUES SUCH
INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS
ARMY

WARSHIPS REACH CORINTO

LONESOME GUNBOAT IS RE-
INFORCED BY SEVERAL
CRUISERS

ZELAYA MUST ABDICATE

LONDON HEARS UNITED STATES
HAS DEMANDED TYRANT'S
RESIGNATION

New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—A special dispatch to the Playmate from Panama says: "Death to all Americans," is the order issued to the Nicaraguan army by President Zelaya. Positive confirmation was received here today that more than a month ago President Zelaya issued instructions to his military commanders to shoot every American caught fighting in the army of the revolutionists. The gunboat Vicksburg, which has been stationed at Corinto ever since the Nicaraguan trouble assumed an acute stage, has been reinforced and there are now four warships at Corinto.

Tells Zelaya to Quit.
London, Dec. 9.—The United States government has demanded the formal resignation of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, according to a cablegram from Nicaragua received here today. The message adds that this information was communicated by Zelaya himself and says his resignation will probably take effect at the end of December.

London Report Denied.
Washington, Dec. 9.—The statement that the United States has demanded the resignation of President Zelaya is declared by the state department to be without foundation.

Murdered in Cold Blood.
Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 9.—That the killing of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce, by the order of President Zelaya was nothing short of murder, was the statement made here by Alexander H. Wilson, who has just returned to his home here after having spent more than a month in the army of the insurgents. Wilson says he was in Panama at the time the insurrection broke out and then shortly after the killing of Cannon and Groce, he and forty-seven other Americans went into Astrada's army.

They fought at the battle of Managua he says where twenty-six Americans were captured by Zelaya's army. Wilson and a few others escaped to Costa Rica. There, Wilson says, they secured passage to New Orleans. Wilson says it is the understanding of the insurgent forces that Cannon and Groce were promised protection as prisoners of war, but were shot down in cold blood.

PRESIDENT OF DEFUNCT MICHIGAN BANK ARRESTED.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 9.—Clavert Spensley, president of the defunct First National bank of Mineral Point,

this state, was arrested yesterday at Mineral Point on an indictment charging him with irregularity with the bank's affairs. He was brought to Madison, taken before United States Judge Sanborn, pleaded not guilty and admitted to bail on a \$20,000 bond. Spensley is charged with having conspired with Phillip Allen, Jr., cashier of the bank, by which he was able to cash worthless checks in the institution and have the transaction covered up. Checks of this character alleged to have been drawn by Spensley in favor of himself and Charles Mellon and company, partners, are put at \$13,835, exclusive of the sums which Spensley is charged with permitting Allen to take. While Mellon's name is brought into each count, no charges are made against him.

DENIES THAT J. P. MORGAN CONTROLS NEW YORK LIFE.

New York, Dec. 9.—J. P. Morgan and company, recently acquired control of the Equitable Life Assurance society, but it has no bearing whatever on the New York Life Insurance company, says Darwin J. Kingsley.

"Since Messrs. J. P. Morgan and company secured a controlling interest in the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance society," says Kingsley, "the statement has been widely circulated that Messrs. Morgan and company are also in control in some way of the New York Life Insurance company. I wish to deny this statement in the most emphatic manner. The New York Life Insurance company has no capital stock and is controlled only by the trustees and officers of the company. It has no alliance, directly or indirectly with any corporation or firm."

ATTEMPTED SERVICE OF DIVORCE PAPERS FATAL.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—The attempt of C. H. Lukens, a deputy sheriff in Kansas City, Kan., to serve some papers in a divorce suit on Chas. Galloway led to the killing of Lukens, the mortal wounding of Galloway and the shooting of Harry Anderson, a detective here last night. Galloway died an hour later at a local hospital. Accompanied by Wm. Drew, city marshal of Rosedale, Kan., Lukens attempted to serve the papers on Galloway on the street. Galloway ran and the officers pursued him. The officers shot at the fleeing man and he returned the fire, shooting Lukens through the heart. He died in a few minutes. Drew fired at Galloway, but he escaped. Galloway was later shot and killed by officers at his home.

AN ESCAPED LUNATIC MURDERS A SHERIFF.

Shreve, O., Dec. 9.—A posse is in pursuit of George Boley, who created intense excitement at Bog Prairie, near here last night, and today shot and killed Sheriff Jacob Bell. Boley escaped from the Massillon state hospital yesterday. Last night he attended a prayer meeting at the Methodist church here, sitting in the congregation with a shotgun between his knees. Later he went to the home of Roy Lee, where he held the family in terror for some time. Finally Sheriff Bell was sent for. When he arrived early today, Boley shot him dead and then escaped.

SHERIFF INSTRUCTED TO QUELL RIOTING OR QUIT

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 9.—"Tell Sheriff Box to do his duty or resign," is Governor Marshall's message to State Labor Commissioner Slough and Warner, who are here with Adjutant General McCoy of the state militia investigating the situation in the strike of the cutters in the stone quarries. Sheriff Box answered that he could not persuade business men to serve as deputies to protect imported strikebreakers.

CAMFIELD ACCEPTS RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY GRANT BOARD

Denver, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Camfield Construction company here last night, the board ratified the resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas grant, of Las Vegas, N. M., whereby a contract is entered into by D. A. Camfield and other capitalists of Colorado, to construct a mammoth irrigation project on the Las Vegas grant in New Mexico which will eventually place under irrigation upwards of 100,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Las Vegas. The original project will involve the expenditure of \$750,000 and water 35,000 acres by means of diversion dams, canals and ditch systems. Later on extensions will be made, which with additional land to be purchased and on which options are now held by Camfield, will represent a total outlay of \$4,000,000. The grant corporation was represented at last night's meeting by F. H. Pierce, of Las Vegas. Work on the project will start in ten days, and will be pushed during the season of low water in the Gallinas river from which stream water is to be diverted for irrigation purposes. The contracts for the construction of the big project have already been let. When completed it will be one of the greatest reclamation projects in the southwest.

FAKED POLAR ABATEMENT DATA FOR DR. COOK

AFFIDAVITS OF ALLEGED CON-
SPIRATORS CAUSE SENSATION

PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK

INSURANCE BROKER AND SEA
CAPTAIN 'SHOW UP'
EXPLORER

COPENHAGEN IS IN DOUBT

GENUINENESS OF THEIR STATE-
MENTS IS QUESTIONED—MAY
ACT AS BOOMERANG

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—A summary of the affidavits of persons claiming to have aided Dr. Cook in the preparation of his polar data, published in New York and London this morning was read here with amazement. Scientific circles are inclined to be incredulous regarding the charges and some, like Dr. Curran, the astronomer, consider them so improbable that their effect will be to strengthen the public confidence in Dr. Cook.

Affidavits Cause Sensation.

New York, Dec. 9.—The affidavits of George H. Dunkle, an insurance broker, and Captain August Wedel Loese, a seaman, were published in the Times this morning, asserting that Dr. Cook hired them for four thousand dollars with promise of an additional five hundred dollars for one of them to fabricate astronomical observations and calculations of latitude and longitude for submission to the University of Copenhagen. The men say their reason for making this known was because the explorer only paid them two hundred dollars each.

Cook in a Sanitarium.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—Dr. W. G. Deyvis, a Cambridge physician, was quoted as authority for the statement last night that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, is resting at a sanitarium in Wells, Me. Dr. Deyvis said that his information came from Dr. Pitt, manager of the sanitarium, who visited him yesterday. Dr. Pitt could not be reached. His brother, who lives here, said he knew nothing about the matter.

FOURTEEN CONSTABULARY MUTINEERS ORDERED SHOT

Manila, Dec. 9.—Fourteen men of the Second company of native constabulary stationed at Davao, Mindanao, who mutinied on the night of June 6, were today sentenced to death, after being convicted of murder. The murder charge was based on the killing of Roy Libby, when the mutineers returned and attacked the town.

The executions will take place on Davao plaza, the scene of the uprising, providing the supreme court upholds the decision and clemency is not exercised. The trials were held at Davao, Judge Gates presiding. Twenty-three men mutinied, eight of whom were killed resisting arrest while one turned state's evidence.

MARINE CORPS ARMED WITH OBSOLETE RIFLES

Washington, Dec. 9.—Obsolete barracks, deteriorated rifles and a scarcity of enlisted men and officers which promise for the near future inefficiency in the corps are the basis of some of the complaints made by Major General Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, in his annual report just made public. He laid particular stress upon the fact that 10,000 new rifles are needed by the marine corps.

AMERICAN CONDUCTOR CONFINED IN MEXICAN JAIL UNJUSTLY

Dalhousie, Tex., Dec. 9.—Angry because they have received no answer to appeals sent to President Taft and Secretary of State Knox on behalf of James A. Cook, an American railroad conductor in jail at Guadalajara, Mex-

ico, the railroad men here have appealed to Governor Campbell and Texas congressmen to interest themselves in Cook's case. They declare if action for the relief of Cook is not soon taken, they will retaliate by mak-

INDICATIONS THAT BLIZZARD IN MIDDLE WEST IS BREAKING

ZERO WEATHER CONTINUES

THERMOMETER MANY DEGREES BELOW IN NEBRASKA AND IOWA

COAL SUPPLY DWINDLING

SITUATION AT TOPEKA, KAN-
SAS, GROWS SERIOUS AS A
RESULT

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—There were signs of the abatement today of the extremely cold wave that has kept Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma shivering the last three days. However, zero weather is still reported in many places. The coal supply there is almost exhausted and in hundreds of homes this morning there was not enough natural gas to cook breakfast.

Continues Cold at Other Points.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 9.—This morning the thermometer showed a record of eight degrees below zero at Omaha, the coldest day of the season. It was twelve degrees below zero at Lincoln, eighteen degrees below zero was reported at Norfolk, Neb., and ten below at Sioux City. The thermometer is rising today and it is believed that the worst of the present cold spell is over.

OLDFIELD DEFIES COLD AND ADDS TO LAURELS

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 9.—With his face wrapped in woolen bandages and wearing heavy fur gloves and fur overcoat, Barney Oldfield drove his 120 horsepower Benz in the teeth of a Texas norther here yesterday afternoon and broke the 50-mile world's circular track record which has stood for over five years. He covered the half century in 47:18 as against the old mark 48:40:15 made by himself in Fresno, Cal., in 1904. Oldfield got inside the previous record at 30 miles and broke every individual mark from 30 to 50. Oldfield's drive was most spectacular, as the track was frozen in places and the radiator of his car was filled with alcohol to prevent freezing. At the finish, Oldfield's hands had to be pulled loose from the steering wheel, having been affected by the intense cold at so high a speed.

E. H. R. Green, member of the American Automobile association board, acted as referee and as the meeting was sanctioned the record will be accepted as official.

DEATH CLAIMS SAMUEL BIBO, PIONEER MERCHANT.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 9.—News was received here yesterday from Ben Bibo, the well known merchant of Bibb, N. M., west of here, that he had received a telegram announcing the death of his brother, Samuel Bibb in San Francisco, where the deceased had been actively engaged in wholesale business for the past ten years.

The news will be received with regret throughout New Mexico. Samuel Bibb was one of the pioneers of Albuquerque and New Mexico and for twenty-five years was engaged in business in the territory. He was one of the best known men in the territory and had a host of friends the result of his personally attractive character and the respect gained through square business methods.

ing it unsafe for Mexican laborers to come into this section. Five hundred dollars have been raised for expenses of the campaign in behalf of Cook, who formerly worked here.

Cook was the conductor of a freight train running into Guadalajara and was arrested after the train was robbed, charged with complicity in the robbery. He has been refused bail, although a Mexican brakeman and several other Mexicans arrested at the time of the robbery are out on bond. Cook declares he was in the caboose making out his reports when the train was robbed.

EARLY MORNING ALARM CAUSES EXCITEMENT

An alarm of fire turned in at 1 o'clock this morning, which called out both the East and West side hose companies, caused considerable excitement. The alarm was turned in from the Santa Fe offices and was the result of sparks from a switch engine setting fire to the roof of the extensive Gross Kelly company box factory just across the Santa Fe tracks from the main establishment. Fortunately railroad men in the vicinity mounted the roof of the box factory and with the aid of a few buckets of water put out the incipient blaze. Both fire companies were on the scene in record time, the boys anticipating a big blaze. Had the fire gained any headway, a big loss would have been the result, as at this time of year besides the factory itself, a large supply of lumber is kept in stock. The alarm at the power house made the night hideous by its prolonged shrieks.

CONDEMNATION SUIT SET FOR DECEMBER 4.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 9.—The condemnation suit of the government against the Victorio Land and Cattle company has been set for trial at Socorro, N. M., December 14. Information to this effect was received yesterday by W. M. Reed, district engineer for the reclamation service.

The case for the government will be presented before the court by United States Attorney D. J. Leahy, of Las Vegas, who will have the assistance of reclamation service examiners H. B. Holt, of Las Cruces and Richard F. Burgess, of El Paso, representing water users' associations.

The action is to acquire a reservoir site for the Elephant Butte dam and also right of way for a railroad to the dam site.

SANTA FE TRAINS FROM EAST HOURS OFF SCHEDULE

The blizzard in the middlewest has played havoc with train schedules and all Santa Fe trains from the east today are hours behind schedule. The first train from the east today, the California limited did not arrive until 2 o'clock. Regular No. 1 is six hours late, while Nos. 7 and 9 are about eight hours off schedule. A stub No. 1 left here this afternoon for points south and west on time, running on the schedule of the regular No. 1. Little improvement in schedules is looked for for several days. No. 2 was two hours late today, a snow blockade in Cajon pass causing trouble on the coast lines.

PLUCKY WOMAN WALKS 435 MILES IN 16 DAYS

Denver, Dec. 9.—Miss Arizona Evans last night completed her walk from Shoshone, Wyo., to Denver, a distance of 435 miles, in sixteen days. She walked the last thirty-two miles of her journey, from Fort Lupton, to Denver, yesterday without stopping for food, and arrived in Denver some time after dark. Blizzards, bitter cold and deep snow were encountered by the plucky woman the entire distance. "To make a living," is Miss Evans' explanation of her walk, which she says she made on a bet that she could walk the distance in seventeen days. Miss Evans was born in Arizona.

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, SUFFERS \$750,000 LOSS FROM FIRE

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—One life lost, five firemen injured, three hundred guests driven scantily clad into the icy streets and property valued at three quarters of a million dollars destroyed is the result of a fire which started in the Star Bargain house, a ten-cent store, at 10 o'clock last night and was only extinguished after an all-night fight by the combined fire fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids.

The flames quickly communicated to the Burdick House, a four-story hotel covering more than half a block. This was quickly destroyed. Sweeping eastward the flames ate

DESTRUCTIVE GALE ON LAKES

CREW DROWNS WHEN BIG STEEL
FREIGHTER SINKS OFF
BUFFALO

A SECOND VESSEL BURNS

TUGBOAT GOES TO RESCUE, BUT
STORM FORCES ITS RE-
TURN

TWO LIVES ARE LOST

CAPTAIN AND ELEVEN MEN
ADrift IN LIFEBOAT, MAY
ALSO PERISH

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The big steel freighter, W. C. Richardson, sank at an early hour today, five miles up the Lake from Buffalo. Five members of the crew were drowned. The vessel was shattered by a gale now raging over Lake Erie.

Lake Steamer Burns.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—It was learned today that the vessel that burned on Lake Erie last night was the Freighter Clarion, of the Anchor line. The first mate and one of the crew perished and the captain and eleven others of the crew are now adrift in a steel life boat. They have not been heard from since leaving the ill-fated ship and it is feared they have perished. A storm is raging on Lake Erie today and the tug Hackett, which went to the relief of the burning vessel, was compelled to return.

NATIONAL RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS MEETS

Washington, Dec. 9.—The National Rivers and Harbors congress convened here today. The advocates of greater opportunities for commerce are very generally defending the policy of creating a bond issue sufficient to complete the comprehensive project of improved waterways so that when it is begun there will be no danger of having the work stopped for lack of funds. Secretary Nagle of the department of commerce, and labor, and President Cameron of the Farmers' National congress were among the speakers.

BLUNDER OF A SURGEON CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH

Milwaukee, Dec. 9.—After suffering years with a surgeon's sponge sewed up in her body, Mrs. John H. Fertig, of this city, died at her home yesterday.

Four years ago she was operated on for tumors, (the physicians forgot to remove a sponge from the wound and a second operation was performed. One year later portions of the sponge worked out through the woman's side. A third operation which ended fatally resulted in locating the sponge.

PAIN-CRAZED PATIENT DECAPITATES HIS NURSE

Trinidad Dec. 9.—Pant Pillo de Paula, while crazed by blood poisoning last night killed his brother-in-law, Nicholas di Gesusido, who was nursing him. De Paula at last severed his victim's head with a razor.

their way through half a dozen small stores and destroyed the Postal telegraph and American express offices. More than thirty buildings were either burned or gutted by the flames. The guests in the Burdick House were warned of their danger and fled hastily to the street, many, scantily clad. As all the other hotels were crowded, some were compelled to remain in the blinding cold for several hours. Low water pressure was the principal cause of the extent of the fire. At one time it was impossible to get more than two streams of water on the flames, which raged by a high wind, soon got beyond control.